Executive Aroclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alice New Holy Blue Legs is a master of the ancient art of Lakota quillwork; and,

WHEREAS, She has helped to preserve this art by teaching it to her family and neighbors so that it is once again being practiced by many South Dakotans; and,

WHEREAS, She has brought Lakota quillwork to the attention of the nation through workshops in many states and through providing finely quilled items to state and national museums; and.

WHEREAS, She is not only a folk artist with her hands, but also with her heart, participating fully and significantly in her own Lakota culture, contributing to the quality of life in her community of Grass Creek and passing on the stories and traditional knowledge that accompany that life; and,

WHEREAS, She is the first South Dakotan and the first Lakota to be a recipient of the 1985 National Heritage Award from the National Endowment for the Arts, an honor which goes to the nation's finest traditional artists; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has been enriched by her art:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 1985, as

ALICE NEW HOLY BLUE LEGS DAY

in South Dakota.

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR